

Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An internal broach for internally broaching profiles (12), defined by a bottom (14) and profile flanks (15, 16), of female serrations of a work piece (8), comprising

- a shank (1), which leads in a direction of broaching (22) and has a central longitudinal axis (9); and

- a toothed section (2) with several rows (6) of broach cutting teeth (21a to 21f), the rows (6) being disposed successively counter to the direction of broaching (22);

- with successive broach cutting teeth (21a to 21f) being allocated to each other for broaching a profile (12) of a depth;

- with each of all the broach cutting teeth (21a to 21f) in the several rows of the toothed section having only one each of ~~continuously extending~~ first and second sides extending in a single curved plane respectively facing the profile flanks and a bottom cutting blade (23a to 23f) ~~which extends~~ forming the

edge of a bottom cutting blade relief surface (24) which  
is a single curved plane extending continuously between  
the first and second sides so that the cutting blade  
cuts over a full profile width (b);

-- with the bottom cutting blades (23a to  
23f) of successive and associated broach cutting teeth  
(21a to 21f) having a pitch (a) relative to the broach  
cutting teeth (21a to 21f) that lead in the direction of  
broaching (22);

~~-- with a bottom cutting blade relief surface~~  
~~(24) being allocated to each of the bottom cutting~~  
~~blades (23a to 23f); and~~

-- with the first and second sides passing  
through the bottom-cutting-blade relief surface (24)  
while forming first and second edges;

wherein the first sides are guide flanks (26a to  
26f), with the first edges being guide edges (27a to 27f)  
without cutting ability forming the allocated profile flank  
(15) in the vicinity of the pitch (a);

wherein the ~~continuously extending~~ second sides are  
relieved surfaces (29a to 29c) so as to not touch the profiled  
flank (16) that the second sides face and which each extend  
over the entire height of the respective broach cutting teeth,  
the second edges are being non-cutting relieved edges (28a to

28f) forming the allocated profile flank in the vicinity of the pitch (a).

2. (Original) An internal broach according to claim 1, wherein the guide edges (28a to 28f) of successive broach cutting teeth (21a to 21f) have no flank pitch.

3. (Previously Presented) An internal broach according to claim 1,

wherein the broach cutting teeth (21), side by side relative to the direction of broaching (22), are disposed such that with respect to the central longitudinal axis (11) annular chip spaces (31) are arranged; and

wherein broach cutting teeth (21a to 21f), successive counter to the direction of broaching (22), are disposed in rows (6) that are parallel to the central longitudinal axis (9).

4. (Previously Presented) An internal broach according to claim 1,

wherein broach cutting teeth (21), side by side relative to the direction of broaching, are disposed such that with respect to the central longitudinal axis (11) helically extending chip spaces (31') are arranged; and

wherein broach cutting teeth (21a to 21f), successive counter to the direction of broaching (22), are

disposed in rows (6) that are parallel to the central longitudinal axis (9).

5. (Previously Presented) An internal broach according to claim 1,

wherein the broach cutting teeth (21''), side by side relative to the direction of broaching (22), are disposed such that with respect to the central longitudinal axis (11) annular chip spaces (31) are arranged; and

wherein the broach cutting teeth (21''a to 21''c), successive counter to the direction of broaching (22), are disposed in twist-style rows (6').

6. (Previously Presented) An internal broach according to claim 1,

wherein the broach cutting teeth (21''''), side by side relative to the direction of broaching (22), are disposed such that with respect to the central longitudinal axis (11) helically extending chip spaces (31') are arranged; and

wherein the broach cutting teeth (21'''a to 21'''c), successive counter to the direction of broaching (22), are disposed in twist-style rows (6').